**GCSE Religious Studies**

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**Why study GCSE Religious Studies?**

Results for the previous cohorts have been excellent. Students studying this subject have also enjoyed having the time and opportunity to develop informed ideas and opinions of their own. Religious studies is so much more than the study of religion- it looks at our own worldviews and morals and how these can be applied to real life issues such as the death penalty, war & crime. It teaches us how to be tolerant and respectful of others, as well as understanding our own morals in life.

**What does the course involve?**

**Component 1**

A study of the Beliefs, Teaching and Practices of **two** of the six major faiths of the UK. These will be **Christianity** and **Islam**.

**Component 2**

Four religious, philosophical and ethical studies themes:

* Theme B: Religion and life.
* Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict.
* Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment.
* Theme F: Religion, human rights and social justice.

**How will I be assessed?**

Throughout the course there will be regular assessments, leading to the two exams, one on each of the two components each lasting 1 hr and 45 mins

**What are my progression routes?**

The skills acquired in this subject are highly transferable. Natural progression routes are to A level RS, Philosophy, Law, Sociology, Psychology, Politics and History. An understanding of faith can be helpful in any career which deals with people and their lives, such as Teaching, Law, Social Work or any of the Caring Professions. Universities hugely value the transferable skills that religious studies provide such as critical thinking, compassionate awareness and analysis skills.